



Indiana State Excise Police News Release

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Excise Police Issue 63 Tickets in Bloomington

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – Indiana State Excise Police officers issued 63 summonses to 57 people in Bloomington August 27-30, 2008, the week before classes begin at Indiana University.

Most summonses were for illegal consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages. The following is a list of some of the charges:

- *50 minors were charged with illegal possession, consumption or transportation of alcoholic beverages.
- *Three minors were charged with possession of false identification.
- *Four adults were arrested for furnishing alcoholic beverages to a minor.
- *Five people were also arrested for a variety of offenses, including sale of alcoholic beverages without a permit, resisting law enforcement, public intoxication, false informing and littering.

“Our agency was proactive in planning for this weekend,” Officer Travis Thickstun said. “Excise officers from the surrounding area were assigned to work Bloomington this week in anticipation of IU’s welcome week, in addition to Saturday’s football game and the Labor Day weekend.”

On Saturday, a 24-year-old male was cited for sale of alcoholic beverages without a permit after officers observed him selling wine and liquor from a vehicle in the parking lot between Big Red Liquors and Marsh Supermarket on Kingston. The alcoholic beverages were left over from a Bedford bar that had closed recently. Officers seized the remaining 19 bottles of liquor, liquers and wine.

The littering ticket was the result of a discarded beer can Saturday. A customer at Kroger, 1175 S. College Mall Road, threw an empty beer can onto the ground before going into the store. She parked only two spaces from a trash can.

One father was cited for aiding or inducing a minor to possess alcoholic beverages after his two sons, 18 and 19, were cited for illegal possession.

In addition to enforcement, ISEP officers also offer free training programs for alcohol and tobacco businesses. These classes cover not only on basic alcohol and tobacco laws, but also how to spot false identification. Upcoming classes will be held at the Ellettsville Fire Department Training Room, 5080 West State Road 46, on Friday, September 12, and Friday, September 19, 2008. More information is available at www.in.gov/isep.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise officers are empowered to enforce any state law, they primarily focus on alcohol, tobacco and related violations.